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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN VICE PRESIDENT COMPLETES VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

- 1. SUMMARY: NORTH KOREAN VICE PRESIDENT PAK SON CHOL TERMINATED FIVE DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE ON FEBRUARY 25. ALTHOUGH VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY, IT APPEARED TO LACK SOME OF SPARKLE AND FANFARE ASSOCIATED WITH VISITS OF OTHER SENIOR DIGNITARIES. NO AID AGREEMENTS WERE REPORTEDLY SIGNED AND NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED, ALTHOUGH CHOL RELEASED DEPARTING DECLARATION WHICH PRESS PUBLISHED. END SUMMARY.
- 2. SENIOR NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION LED BY VICE PRESIDENT PAK SONG CHOL DEPARTED MOZAMBIQUE FOR ANTANANARIVO ON FEBRUARY 25. DURING HIS FIVE DAY VISIT, CHOL PAID COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT MACHEL, HELD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (AND NUMBER TWO IN GOVERNMENT) MARCELINO DOS SANTOS AND TOURED PROVINCES OF MAPUTO, GAZA AND TETE, WHERE NORTH KOREAN MEDICAL AND AGRICULTURAL TEAMS ARE PRESUMABLY WORKING. CHOL WAS ALSO HONORED AT MOZAMBICAN DINNER AT WHICH HE AND MARCELINO DOS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SANTOS PRAISED MOZAMBICAN-NORTH KOREAN SOLIDARITY AND CONDEMNED IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM.

3. SURPRISINGLY, ON COMPLETION OF VISIT, NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISEUED. INSTEAD, CHOL ISSUED RELATIVELY SHORT DECLARATION (WHICH PRESS PUBLISHED IN FULL) STATING THAT HIS VISIT TO MAPUTO HAD HELPED TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF NON-ALIGNED STATES.

DECLARATION ALSO SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE ACTIVELY SUPPORTS THE "JUST CAUSE" OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND ABHORS THE "IMPERIALIST MACHINATIONS" IN KOREA OF PAK CHUNG HI AND THE AMERICANS. REMAINDER OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS DEVOTED TO ROUTINE CONDEMNATIONS OF WEST AND SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION. DE PREE

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